AMILIA'S LAW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When does the law go into effect?

A: January 1, 2007

Q: Are rules being developed to administer this new law?

A: Yes. Draft rules have been written and are being developed now. The rules should be finalized by September or October of 2006.

Q: If I don't install heating equipment and only install gas fired cooking equipment, will I still need to be licensed?

A: Yes. The licensing requirement will apply to any and all persons performing work installing, modifying or repairing gas-fired equipment.

Q: If I have been in the business of installing and/or servicing gas-fired equipment for thirty years, do I still need to be licensed?

A: Yes. Although previous work experience will be helpful in gaining licensure all persons will have to go through the licensing procedure.

Q: Is there any grandfathering of persons already doing the work?

A: No. All persons engaged in the business of installing gas piping and/or installing or servicing gas-fired equipment will have to go through the licensing procedure.

Q: How will I know when it is okay to apply for the license?

A: The NHFMO will use a number of different communication methods to notify the contractors, including but not limited to supply houses, contractor associations, and normal media outlets.

Q: What can I do know to prepare for the licensing requirements?

A: Contact a committee member that represents an industry association for more details. Two of the nationally accepted training and testing curriculums that are accepted for voluntary certification are Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) and the North American Training Excellence (NATE)

Q: Will I have to take a course or a test to become licensed?

A: Yes. If you have already completed the CETP or NATE courses and taken their test, you should be all set. If you have not taken any training programs, you will be required to show proof of successful completion of one of these programs. Some tests are challengeable. That is, you may be able to apply to just take the test without taking the course, but it will be very difficult.

Q: What if I am already certified through the volunteer certification program? Will I have to take another test?

A: If you become certified through the voluntary certification program before January 1, 2007, you will have one extra year to become licensed. We expect that many of the same training criteria will be used for the mandatory licensing.

Q: Who can I talk to if I have more specific questions?

A: You may contact anyone of the members of the advisory committee for more information. They are currently in the process of adopting rules for the licensing program.